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SUBJECT: TORCH 200--FEAO BICENTENNIAL EVENT

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1. ARBA HAS RECEIVED ASSURANCE FROM WASHINGTON, D.C. CO-ORDINATOR OF TORCH 200 PROJECT THAT LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR RUNNERS AFTER REACHING NEW YORK CITY ARE PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY. MEETING HERE WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF STATE AND CITY BICENTENNIAL COMMISSIONS AND LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITIES ALONG ROUTE ENSURES MAXIMUM COORDINATION. FEAO SPONSORED AMBASSADORS, SELECTED SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN HAVE RECEIVED INVITATIONS TO ATTEND CAPITOL HILL CEREMONY ON APRIL 27. USIS, MEDIA AND LOCAL PRESS COVERAGE EXPECTED. COMPLETE HOSPITALITY AND PLANNED TOURS ARE BEING ARRANGED FOR RUNNERS AND GUESTS WHILE IN WASHINGTON.

2. FYI, ARBA HAS BEEN AWARE OF PROJECT FROM BEGINNING. OFFICIAL RECOGNITION ACCORDED TORCH 200 IN MARCH 1976.

3. WHITE HOUSE WILL BE REPRESENTED AT CEREMONY BY OFFICIAL
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FROM ITS BICENTENNIAL OFFICE. HOWEVER, SINCE PROJECT IS

PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE IN NATURE, ARBA'S DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR,
MISS JEAN MCKEE, WILL ACCEPT TORCH ON BEHALF OF AMERICAN
PEOPLE. KISSINGER

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